

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The following remarks are responsive to the June 10, 2003 Office Action.

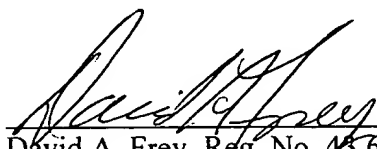
In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,053,946 (Wilkinson). Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,206,934 (Phillips). Claims 1 and 3 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,156,631 (Merlette). Finally, claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilkinson.

Pursuant to a telephone interview with the Examiner on August 11, 2003, the Applicant has amended claim 1, with the language agreed upon by the Examiner, to claim that the connector is adapted to rotate relative to the substantially horizontal leg of the frame. This claim language overcomes the prior art and therefore the Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw all of the rejections and allow all of the claims pending in the application to issue.

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance and early favorable action is requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney if that would be helpful in resolving any matters that might remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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